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SITUATION REPORT: POLAND

The Embassy reports that Warsaw is quiet this morning. Military and police presence yesterday was at reduced levels, with checkpoints manned at normal strength but few foot patrols noted. As the Embassy suggests, the authorities are probably taking advantage of the Christmas lull to give their forces some rest and holiday leave. [REDACTED]

Solidarity activists in Warsaw are trying to project a sense of new vitality, even though their efforts obviously have been severely hampered. They released several more clandestine bulletins yesterday, claiming that several people died in incidents in Gdansk and Wroclaw last week, and that security forces used gas to rout workers out of an unspecified mine in Silesia. [REDACTED]

The authorities are trying to use every possible device to end a miners strike that apparently is the last major active resistance in the country. After broadcasting appeals from family and relatives, a government representative has now offered guaranteed passage for a delegation of strikers to verify that a neighboring mine has ended its strike. Church officials apparently have also tried to mediate. [REDACTED]

The Soviets continue to show signs that they believe Polish operations related to martial law have been successful and that the overall situation in Poland is calm. The rotation of Soviet operations groups at the General Staff communications center near Warsaw took place as scheduled on Christmas Day. A few senior Soviet military officials from the previous group will remain at the center until Tuesday to provide continuity. The extra communications personnel brought in on 17 December to augment the skeleton communications crew already there probably also returned to the USSR on the 25th. [REDACTED]

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The six Soviet IL-76 heavy jet military transport aircraft that flew yesterday to three airfields in Poland have returned to the USSR. Two of the aircraft went back to the Soviet Union late yesterday and the other four returned this morning. We do not know the reason for this activity. [REDACTED]

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According to French radio, Premier Mauroy yesterday promised a delegation of Poles living in France that his government will step up food relief aid to Poland. Meanwhile, Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau, in a television interview to be broadcast today, reportedly defends his earlier statement that Warsaw's declaration of martial law was preferable to civil war and a Soviet intervention. The assertion had drawn criticism from Polish-Canadians. He apparently also reiterates his belief that cutting ties with the USSR is not the best way to deal with the crisis in Poland. [REDACTED]

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